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## WALL PATCH

## **CLAIMS**

## What is Claimed is:

- 10 1. A wall patch, comprising:
  a substantially planar body;
  an adhesive located on a lower surface of the body; and
  a ready-to-paint upper surface of the body.
- 15 2. A wall patch according to claim 1, wherein the body further comprises a perimeter having a feathered edge.
  - 3. A wall patch according to claim 1, wherein the ready-to-paint outward surface comprises a texture.

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- 4. A wall patch according to claim 1, wherein the body is formed from a tear-resistant material.
- 5. A wall patch according to claim 1, wherein the body is formed of biaxially oriented three-25 ply polypropylene film.
  - A wall repair system comprising;
     a self-adhesive wall patch having a ready-to-paint outward surface; and
     a center reinforcement.

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7. A wall repair system according to claim 6, wherein the wall patch is formed from a biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film.

- 8. A wall repair system according to claim 6, wherein the center reinforcement is a rigid metal or plastic wall patch.
- 9. A wall repair system according to claim 6, wherein the center reinforcement is a smooth, self-adhesive plastic or fibered-paper wall patch.
  - 10. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, comprising:
    selecting a wall patch having an outward surface adapted to be directly paintable;
    applying the wall patch over a hole; and
    painting directly over the wall patch.
  - 11. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 10, further comprising applying a center reinforcement over the hole before applying the self-adhesive wall patch.
- 15 12. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 11, wherein the center reinforcement is a rigid wall patch and wherein applying a center reinforcement comprises:

removing an upper surface portion of the wall around the hole in a shape corresponding to a shape of the rigid wall patch to a depth approximately equal to the thickness of the rigid wall patch to form a recessed area; and

20 placing the rigid wall patch within the recessed area.

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- 13. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 11, wherein the center reinforcement is formed from a fibered paper or plastic material.
- 25 14. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 10, wherein the wall patch is formed from a biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film
  - 15. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, according to claim 10, wherein the wall patch comprises a pre-textured rigid wall patch, and wherein applying a wall patch over the hole comprises:

removing an upper surface of the wall around the hole in a shape corresponding to the shape of the rigid wall patch to a depth approximately equal to the thickness of the rigid wall patch to form a recessed area; and

placing the rigid wall patch into the recessed area.

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- 16. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, according to claim 15, wherein the rigid wall patch has a substantially rectangular shape having four corners and wherein at least one of the corners is directed inwardly in the direction of a bottom surface thereof, the method further comprising:
- forcing the inwardly directed corner of the rigid wall patch into the wall to secure the rigid wall patch over the hole; and

tracing an outline of the rigid wall patch along the wall to define the shape on the upper surface of the wall for removal.

- 15 17. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, according to claim 16, further comprising: selecting a wall patch strip having an upper surface adapted to be directly paintable; placing the wall patch strip over a crack between the rigid wall patch and the wall surface.
- 18. A wall patch for repairing a hole or a crack in a wall, comprising:
  20 a substantially planar, flexible body;
  an adhesive located on a lower surface of the body; and
  a ready-to-paint upper surface located on the body.
- 19. A wall patch according to claim 18, wherein the ready-to-paint upper surface of the body25 is pre-textured and wherein one or more edges of the body are feathered to allow the body to more readily mate with a textured wall surface.
  - 20. A wall patch according to claim 18, wherein the body is formed from a biaxially oriented, three-ply, polyethylene film.

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